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SUGGEST DEPT REPLY TO ALABAMA PARTNERS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

1. APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO HELP GUATEMALA DURING DISASTER AS YOU HAVE BEEN DOING SO WELL IN RECENT YEARS UNDER MORE NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. ONE 200-BED DISASTER HOSPITAL ALREADY IN COUNTRY AND ONE MASH TYPE 100-BED HOSPITAL ARRIVED FEB 5 VIA USAF. UNDP CONSIDERING PROVISION OF TWO MAJOR AND TWO MINOR SURGERY HOSPITALS. BED OCCUPANCY MAJOR HOSPITALS GUATEMALA CITY SLACKING OFF. THEREFORE DOUBT FURTHER EMERGENCY HOSPITALS NECESSARY.

3. MEDICAL TEAMS FROM U.S., CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA FLOWING IN AND OUR CONCERN IS THEIR TIE-IN WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LOGISTICS. IN CASES WHERE YOUR DOCTORS HAVE LINKS WITH LOCAL MEDICAL GROUPS, THEIR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE HELPFUL. ANY THAT DO COME SHOULD BE AS SELF-CONTAINED AS POSSIBLE, I.E. SLEEPING BAG AND 5 DAYS RATIONS.

4. SIMILARLY MEDICINES ARRIVING FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. BELIEVE REMAINING NEEDS LIMITED TO SUTURE MATERIALS AND MINOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, PLASTER, ANTIBIOTICS, SPLINTS, AND OTHER ORTHOPEDIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES.

5. SHORTAGE OF EASILY TRANSPORTABLE FOODS THREATENS TO BE A PROBLEM IN THE INTERMEDIATE TERM. CORN, WHEAT, BEANS, RICE AND PPWDERED MILK WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

6. IN ADDITION, SEVERE RESIDENTIAL DAMAGE IN RURAL VILLAGES HAS LEFT MANY PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES OR WATER SUPPLIES. REPAIR OF WATER SYSTEMS IS MOST CRITICAL. MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THIS REPAIR INCLUDE:

A) PVC PIPES FROM 1 1/2 INCHES TO 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

B) 90 DEGREE AND 45 DEGREE PVC JOINTS

C) MATCHING VALVES

D) REQUIRED COUPLERS AND CEMENT.

E) TWO TO FOUR INCH DIAMETER CAST IRON SECTIONS FOR CROSSING CANYONS.

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